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YOUNGSTERS PAD UP

On Sunday children at Kennington Cricket Club's junior section took part in one of the regular training sessions.

Sponsorship from Park Mall has allowed the club to expand its junior section in recent years. It provides qualified coaches who give local children the opportunity to learn about cricket at their ground in Ulley Road. Cricket Club president Peter Grant said: "The sponsorship that has been provided by Park Mall Shopping over the last few years has been vital."

Kennington is the only club in the area to have achieved national Clubmark accreditation for providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children to learn about cricket.

If you would like any further information on either the Junior or Senior sections of Kennington Cricket Club please contact John Cunningham, the Club Welfare Officer, on 01233 631672.

■ BY ED HILL

THE Tories celebrated one of its biggest wins in the county when it seized control of Ashford South from Labour... after 36 years.

County council elections last Thursday caused a political earthquake across Britain as Labour took a memorable beating.

And in Ashford well-respected Councillor Derek Smyth was one of many casualties as 18 of the 20 Labour county councillors in Kent lost their seat.



Winner: Jim Wedgebury

He said: "I got a feeling on the doorstep when I was canvassing that things were not going my way. This was the toughest election I have ever had to fight. Westminster dominated the headlines and there was a lot of resentment about what was going on. That combined with people's concerns about the economic situation made a lethal cocktail for me."

The Conservatives last won the seat in 1967. The result in the division was also heavily influenced by the fact that the British National Party fielded a candidate in the area.

The neo-Nazi party managed to take 396 votes in Ashford South which was won by the Conservatives with a slender 290 majority.

Winner Jim Wedgebury, who is already a Conservative councillor on the borough council, said: "I'm sure if it was not for Derek's personal

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Challenging times for new chief executive

THE council is on the hunt for a new chief executive to guide it through the credit crunch.

The job for the top officer at the council came up for grabs when David Hill, the current post holder, announced he was leaving the council in April.

His new job is a similar position in Milton Keynes.

At a meeting of the council's appointments committee the members agreed to hire recruitment consultants GatenbySanderson to help find the best candidate.

According to the Taxpayers Alliance, Mr Hill's salary for the year 2007-08 was £117,015.

The committee agreed to maintain the current salary package as well providing a relocation deal.

The chief executive is responsible for the day-to-day running of the council. It is a key role for the borough, especially as the town has to deal with many of the changes required by Government because of its targeted growth status.

The person will also be taking over the council at a time when the downturn in the economy means ever tightening budget constraints and possible cutbacks on council services.

Members discussed options other than appointing a chief executive but in the end it was decided to stick with the current role.

In recent years salaries of top executives in local authorities have risen in order to attract top candidates. Swale council's latest top officer now takes home £130,000 plus bonuses.

The job description for the Ashford job says the successful applicant has to 'provide strong managerial leadership, motivating and inspiring the council's staff in ensuring that all members of the council are fully supported in their various roles and that council policies are effectively implemented in order to achieve the



LEAVING: Chief executive David Hill will be leaving the council in July



authority's strategic and corporate objectives as efficiently and economically as possible.'

As head of the paid service, the role also requires the candidate to represent the council on some official occasions as well as being returning officer at elections and preparing its emergency planning.

David Hill will be leaving his post in July.



SUSTAINABLE: Directline Structures' new headquarters in Orbital Park

Headquarters a selling point for company

A BUILDING design firm that specialises in sustainable building practices has opened new headquarters at the Orbital business park.

Directline Structures was formerly based in Goudhurst. It is owned by husband and wife team Duncan and Jenny Murray. Their offices have been designed by an in-house design team with input from local architect Mark Hall at Cyma Architects.

The building includes many of the environmental features that the company promotes.

Employees and builders who had worked at the site were at the opening party with the town's new mayor John Holland.

Managing director Duncan Murray said: "Designing a project for ourselves is like opening a huge toy chest, we have access to so much knowledge."

The company has been honoured for its commitment to sustainability with a win at an environmental awards for businesses in Kent.

Mr Murray said: "Sustainable building is not necessarily about windmills and solar panels. People may not notice things like harvesting rainwater or insulation but if the building is good enough you can use very little energy at all."

"This building will be a real selling point. Clients can now come to this building and see that we really know what we are doing and we can show them the best things to do for real."

The project received backing from Nat West Bank. Caroline Beeson, relationship manager said: "I am delighted to be involved with an innovative management team that has a very high reputation in the construction industry. I wish them all the best."

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popularity my majority would have been larger. It will be a steep learning curve, but I'm looking forward to working with all the community.

"It shows that just because a seat is seen to be safe, it can change hands. That is a lesson for councillors of all political persuasions."

Mr Smyth did not rule out that he might stand again for the seat.

He said: "I have been the councillor here for 11 years; I will miss it. If I was asked by the Labour Party to stand again, I would be happy to do it. The Labour vote has remained strong and is a good base for the future. You have not seen the back of us."

Many candidates had seen on the doorstep the public's disillusionment with politics caused by the MPs expenses scandal.

Outraged

Conservative Mike Hill, who retained his seat in Tenterden, said: "At this time when people are worrying about their jobs, they are outraged at what has been going on."

"I often had the response from people saying that they are not going to vote because all politicians are the same."

Elsewhere results were as expected with Lib Dem member George Koowaree returned in Ashford East and the Conservatives holding the remaining five Ashford borough seats with Elizabeth Tweed returning to represent Ashford Central, Mike Angell, Ashford Rural South, Andrew Wickham taking Ashford Rural East, Richard King back in Ashford Rural West and Mike Hill in Tenterden.

• **It was a hungry day for the army of counting staff enlisted to check ballot papers. Ashford council chief executive David Hill was forced to publicly apologise to them after it turned out that the election candidates supporters had been wrongly directed to the paid-for buffet laid out for the workers. When they arrived for their break most of the food had already gone.**

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ASHFORD'S WINNING CANDIDATES...

ASHFORD RURAL SOUTH

Michael Angell (Con) 2509 (Con Hold)
Ian Stone (Lib Dem) 873
Vivian Wheatley (Lab) 406
Tracey Dighton-Brown (Green) 626
Turnout 36.5 per cent 1636 Majority

ASHFORD RURAL WEST

Chris Clark (Lab) 406
Stuart Dove (Lib Dem) 824
Hillary Jones (Green) 833
Richard King (Con) 3843 (Con Hold)
Turnout 40.81 per cent 3010 Majority

ASHFORD RURAL EAST

Brendan Chilton (Lab) 363
Nathan Parrett (Lib Dems) 822
Marilyn Sansom (Green) 886
Andrew Wickham (Con) 2871 (Con Hold)
Turnout 42.12 per cent 1985 Majority

TENTERDEN

Mike Hill (Con) 3461 (Con Hold)
Doreen Wilcockson (Lab) 393
Barry Wright (Lib Dem) 1093
Turnout 42.4 per cent 2368 Majority

ASHFORD EAST

Ian Cooling (Con) 1419
George Koowaree (Lib) 2343 (Lib Dem Hold)
Brendan Naughton (Lab) 400
Turnout 35 per cent 924 Majority

ASHFORD SOUTH

Jeremy Adby (Lib Dem) 767
Sharon Harvey (Green) 261
Karl Rouse (BNP) 396
Derek Smyth (Lab) 946
Jim Wedgbury (Con) 1236 (Con Gain)
Turnout 30.78 per cent 290 Majority

ASHFORD CENTRAL

Steven Campkin (Green) 589
Sophie Griffiths (Lab) 488
John Hawes (Lib Dem) 698
Elizabeth Tweed (Con) 2043 (Con Hold)
Turnout 33.13 per cent 1345 Majority



LEADING LIGHTS: (Top clockwise) Michael Angell, Richard King, Mike Hill, Elizabeth Tweed, George Koowaree and Andrew Wickham

EURO WOES

LABOUR'S failure to win any extra European seats for South East England contributed to the party's disastrous set of election results.

The Conservatives were first polling 812,288 votes, UK Independence Party (UKIP) was second with 440,002, Liberal Democrats third with 330,340 and the Green Party fourth with 192,592 votes - an 8.2 per cent share.

There was no change in the number of seats won by the five biggest parties in the region, but Labour's share of the vote was down 5.4 per cent and the Green Party was up 3.8 per cent.

Peter Skinner remains the region's only Labour MEP following a set of results that saw the Conservatives retain their four seats, the UK Independence Party (UKIP) keep its two, Lib Dems have two seats and the Green Party retain its one.

The anti-Labour vote elsewhere in the country saw the party slip behind UKIP into third place nationally, with the Tories top.

Conservatives Daniel Hanman, Nirj Deva, James Elles and Richard Ashworth will all represent the South East in Europe for another four years.

UKIP leader Nigel Farage kept his seat and will be joined by former European Commission chief accountant Marta Andreasen. She replaces the outgoing independent Ashley Mote, who was elected as a UKIP member but had his whip removed in 2007 after being found guilty of benefit fraud.

Caroline Lucas remains the Green Party's European representative for the South East.

Blind and partially-sighted are still unhappy with shared space scheme

ASHFORD council has defended the new shared space scheme after a demonstration was held by blind and partially-sighted people at the weekend.

The demonstration in Bank Street on Saturday was part of the National Federation for the Blind's Pavement Day.

Jonathan Ward, from the Kent Association for the Blind, said: "This is a new scheme, but there are still a number of things that need to be addressed to help blind and partially-sighted people."

"As a sight impaired traveller, if you use a cane or a guide dog you need kerbs to distinguish what is the road and what is the pathway. You also need somewhere safe to cross the road where you can control the traffic."

The concept aims to improve road safety by allowing traffic and pedestrians to intermingle with one another and reducing speed limits.

However, blind and partially-sighted residents have voiced concerns about being able to make eye contact with drivers; a key element of making the concept safe.

Ashford Borough councillor and chairman of the Ashford Access group Michael Claughton, said: "Throughout the project there have been specific disability/accessibility meetings to discuss the scheme design with representatives from Ashford Access, Tunbridge Wells Access Group, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Kent Association for the Blind."

"As a result of these consultations a range of additions to the scheme were implemented to provide blind and visually impaired pedestrians with confidence when using shared space."

"The Ashford Local Access group was also involved in a workshop held to consider the needs of vulnerable people who might have access difficulties."

"While Kent County Council has listened to our



CONTROVERSIAL: Ashford's new scheme has met divided response

concerns and has met them where it has been able to it is important that we continue to engage in ongoing dialogue with all disability groups."

More towns around the country are taking up the concept of shared space for the street schemes.

Judith Armitt, managing director of Ashford's Future, the body created to promote the town said: "The shared space project has brought a major improvement to the town centre and raised the standard of design to our urban streets."

"I believe few residents would prefer to go back to the four-lane race track with its ugly barriers which cut off our town centre."

"The county council led scheme is a first for the UK and has put Ashford on the map. There have been no reported injuries since the shared space scheme opened in November 2008."

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Could you be the duke's musical apprentice?

A THEATRE company producing the Merchant of Venice with elements of The Apprentice is looking for contestants.

The apprentices will need to sing and preferably play an instrument. The company is also looking for someone to play the duke, a Sir Alan Sugar character.

Rehearsals take place from mid June until early August with the performances taking place in July and August. To take part, send a photograph and covering letter to Mandy Hare c/o The Hazlitt Arts Centre, Earl Street, Maidstone ME14 1PL.

Zoo keeper scales heights to help Scottish wild cats

AN English primate keeper at Port Lympne Wild Animal Park has raised £600 for Scottish wild cats by climbing a Welsh mountain.

Matt Crittenden, his brother Ian and other members of the family, climbed 893m Penygadair, the most difficult mountain in the Snowdonia National Park, northwest Wales. To help the park raise money for the Scottish wildcat, go to www.justgiving/savethescottishwildcats

International musicians to headline at festival

THE Tenterden Folk Festival has announced two of the top acts at this year's event.

American folk musician Jeff Warner is a singer, concertina and banjo player and all round entertainer. As well as appearing in concert he will be running a workshop.

Nibs Van der Spuy, from South Africa, is a singer-songwriter and plays acoustic guitar. For more information about this year's festival on October 2-4 visit www.tenterden-folkfestival.org.uk

Denis ready to follow the Freedom Trail

EVERY morning at 5am, 71-year-old carpenter and painter Denis Frain sets out on a gruelling training schedule.

He leaves the comfort of his cottage beside Woodchurch Windmill to complete either a 10-mile bike ride or a five-mile hike around the village, carrying a heavy backpack of bricks and timber.

He is determined to get super fit for an epic sponsored challenge to support the Royal British Legion.

As one of the last batch of national servicemen he spent two years with the Durham Light Infantry. For the past decade he has proudly been the Woodchurch Legion branch standard bearer.

Now he has been selected as one of 14 men from England to compete in an epic trek.

He said: "I read about the wartime escape route out of France across the Pyrenees to Spain called The Freedom Trail that took thousands of Allied servicemen and women to safety.

"Sadly many others were betrayed and shot by the Germans."

Every year a select few people are chosen, after pledging a minimum sponsorship of £1,000, to walk the Freedom Trail with French walkers, mountain rescue volunteers and expert guides who take them up 8,300 feet in the snow, on a four-day ultimate test of endurance.

Along the route they attend memorial services for those that perished during escape efforts.

From July 7, Denis faces covering 50 miles of tough terrain carrying a 35lb pack with his tent, clothes including thermal kit, and food.

As they follow the route of escapees they will pass the site where a Halifax bomber crashed in July 1945, with the loss of seven crew.

Sponsor forms are available from Colin Dudman at Woodchurch Post Office or from Denis on 01233 860270.

This is not his first endurance challenge. In the 1990s he was one of four cyclists who rode in a non-stop relay from the village to John O'Groats raising money for the parish church.



CHALLENGE: Denis Frain is hoping to follow the route of wartime escapees through the Pyrenees



Bollywood dance workshop

FANS of Bollywood dancing can take part in a workshop with a Spanish twist at the Brake Hall.

Philharmonia Tango and ShivaNova will be performing there on June 20 as part of the Equator World Music Series.

The performance will feature one of ShivaNova's spectacular dancers Ash Mukherjee, who will also be leading dance workshops before the event.

Originally from Kolkata he was winner of the best Indian male dancer award. Ash is the first Indian national to have been nominated for a Critics' Circle National Dance Award.

He is currently an independent dance artist who has recently been featured in Time Out's rising talent pages and is scheduled to appear at Sadler's Wells Theatre for the Critics' Circle National Dance Awards.

The evening will begin with a chance for both adults and children to get involved. There will be workshops in samba and tango, Bollywood dance and Indian drumming.

The workshops before the show are free to attend if a ticket is bought in advance for the concert. The show starts at 7.30pm Adults £10, concessions £8 and children £3. For more information go to www.shivanova.com.

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Age is no barrier to pair looking to fulfil their musical ambitions

AN age gap of 40 years splits two very different artists trying to make their first steps in the unpredictable world of the music industry.

Chantelle Curling, 23, and Danny (aka DD) Taylor have been taken under the wing of the Diverse Music team based in Bilting.

Mr Taylor, 63, from Aylesford, has always been interested in music. In his younger days he had been a singer in a band. However, his early career came to an abrupt end after his singing was ridiculed by a member of his family.

He said: "That really affected my confidence. I did not sing in public for another 40 years."

After the setback he turned away from his dream of a musical career and concentrated on a career in teaching.

But his first love never went away and after

■ BY ED HILL

recording a cover of John Lennon's Woman at a recording session given as a birthday present from his partner he decided to take on the challenge of making it a career.

The team at Diverse recognised his talent and have encouraged him to record an album and write his own songs.

Director, Malissa Whitehouse said: "DD is a different artist than we would normally work with, but I think it has emerged what a good writer he is. I don't think he realised it himself."

Mr Taylor now wants to record an album and music video, but most importantly and get back to singing to a crowd.

He said: "I am anxious about performing live, but I want to do it. I have gone full circle and I am back to where I was when I was young

and felt like I could do anything."

Chantelle from Pembury has always known that she wanted to be a singer and spent her education at the Italia Conti Academy of Performing Arts.

She said: "I know it sounds corny, but I just have to sing and I wanted to find a way that I could develop my career so I contacted Diverse."

The singer is now about to record a music video and develop her song writing, but she is not naive about how difficult it can be.

She said: "It is a difficult industry and it can be pretty cut throat so you have to be on top of your game and know exactly what you need to do to make it."

Ms Whitehouse added: "It shows the music industry does not have to be age restricted in any way. People can be what you want to be. People want to connect with real people and get away from manufactured bands."

Lottery winner is yet to claim prize

ONE lucky person could miss the chance to pick up more than a quarter of a million pounds won on the National Lottery.

A prize of £284,335 has yet to be claimed in the Ashford area.

A National Lottery spokesperson said: "We're desperate to find this mystery ticket-holder and unite them with their winnings."

"This amazing prize could really make a difference to somebody's life."

"We're urging everyone to check their old tickets again or look anywhere a missing ticket could be hiding."

"Someone out there could literally be sitting on a fortune. The winning ticket matched five numbers and the bonus ball in the Lotto draw on May 20."

The winning numbers were nine, ten, 30, 37, 45, 46 and the bonus ball was 29.

The ticket-holder has until 5.30pm on November 16 to make their claim.

Anyone who believes they have the winning ticket for any of the National Lottery draws within the 180-day deadline should call the National Lottery Line on 0845 910 0000.



VOLUNTEERS THANKED

ASHFORD Pilgrims hospice thanked the army of volunteers that support the charity by holding a garden party for 150 in the grounds on Friday.

Those that fundraise, give their time to work in the centre of excellence and the charity shops and tend the gardens were treated as VIPs and entertained by the Highworth choir which is the top school fundraiser this year having donated more than £3,500.

All were praised for their efforts by both chief executive Steve Auty and board chairman Dr Richard Morey who said that without their contributions they would be unable to continue to level of service to patients.

Former Ashford council director Ian Kirkland presented Pilgrims founder Anne Robertson with £250 donated for a good cause when he recently retired.

Dr Morey paid particular tribute to six Folkestone volunteers, Vera Pressland, Joyce Bridges, and Joan Allen from their fundraising committee, and Betty Britt, Anna Grimes and Rose Lucas (pictured) from the charity shop, who had all completed 15 years service.

MP learns a lesson from Caldecott

THE shadow minister for children Tim Loughton visited the Caldecott Foundation in Smeeth on Friday.

The Conservative MP was taken on a tour of the facilities where the charity looks after children who have suffered neglect or abuse.

He said: "I came here to see how they look after children with challenging behaviour in innovative ways. The charity has a very good reputation, so I wanted to see an example of best practice at first-hand."

Both Ofsted and Kent County Council have praised Caldecott's services in inspection reports. It is one of the relatively few organisations which provide a complete service for looked-after children, from initial

assessment through to successful fostering.

Mr Loughton said visits such as the one to Caldecott would help to form part of the party's policies towards the care system.

He said: "We have a lot of problems with many children in the care system with behavioural problems and disabilities."

"We are particularly keen to work with charities and the third sector with expertise to see how we can best harvest that and replicate it in other areas around the country that do not have it."

While at the charity he held talks with Chair of trustees Amanda Ellingworth, Angus Fraser, and Chief executive Clive Lee before being taken on a tour of the site.

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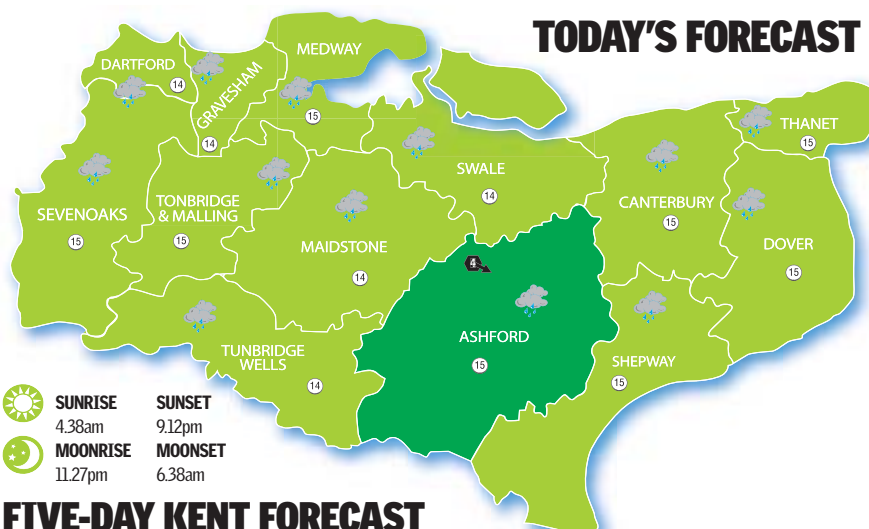
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	Sunday	4:03pm	5.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	3:10pm	6.8m
	Sunday	3:51pm	6.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	3:53pm	4.6m
	Sunday	4:33pm	4.5m
Sheerness	Saturday	4:42pm	5.2m
	Sunday	5:21pm	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	4:42pm	4.9m
	Sunday	5:19pm	4.8m



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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
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Canterbury	16°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C	Maidstone	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C
Chatham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Ramsgate	16°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	20°C
Dartford	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	20°C	Rochester	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C
Dover	15°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	18°C	Sevenoaks	15°C	15°C	16°C	17°C	19°C
Faversham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Sittingbourne	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C
Folkestone	15°C	15°C	16°C	16°C	18°C	Tonbridge	16°C	16°C	17°C	18°C	20°C
Gillingham	16°C	16°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	Tun Wells	16°C	16°C	17°C	18°C	20°C

Council to use public art as means to help town grow

HIGH quality public art is being championed by the council as a key way of promoting the town and helping with its growth plans.

The council has announced that it is launching a strategy which will go out for consultation in the borough.

Public art consultants RKL have been commissioned to guide the council on how to develop a sustainable public arts strategy that integrates artists' and crafts people's skills, to creating new spaces and regenerate old ones.

The consultation is a joint venture by the council, and its partners SEEDA, Ashford's Future, the Homes and Communities Agency and Kent County Council. Growth Area Funding of £40,000 has been secured to help deliver the strategy although there are no financial implications for the council.

Volunteers asked to put hand on heart for charity

THE British Heart Foundation (BHF) is looking for volunteers in the town.

The Hand on Heart appeal wants people to give anytime they can afford to help raise money for research into conditions that affect the heart.

Volunteers can get involved in any way they want, from putting on your own fundraising event to working in a BHF Shop.

BHF fundraising and volunteer manager for Ashford, Kim Brophy said: "The BHF would not be able to save lives through pioneering heart research or provide care for patients through our network of nurses and Heart HelpLine without the vital funds raised by our dedicated volunteers."

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QUESTION & ANSWER

TERRY BURCH



Q How long have you had connections with Ashford? What do you think of the town?

A Whilst Ashford is not my birthplace, I feel very much at home having spent over 40 years here. Ashford is a mixture of the good, the bad, and the ugly, I leave the readers to decide which areas they apply to!

Q Can you tell us something of the history of the Bybrook Centre?

A The history of the barn is long and colourful. The garden centre started in 1975 in the barn that is now the Harvester. At the time it had been derelict for a long time and had reached a sad state of decay. The old barn was bought along with the surrounding wasteland and, with little money but a lot of enthusiasm new life was breathed into one of Ashford's ancient buildings. Major surgery was needed on this crumbling barn, with its sides bulging, most of its roof having collapsed and rotten timbers. Having restored it, we turned it into a garden centre and eventually larger premises were needed. Ashford's old rugby club came on to the market due to the extension of the M20. This was purchased and the centre you see today is the result.

Q How did you get into the business?

A I was originally a dairyman with our own milk business; cream, butter, yoghurt mak-

ing, bottling and selling milk. As doorstep sales began to seriously decline owing to the volumes sold by supermarkets, I decided I should try a different occupation.

Q Where do you get most of your plants from? Is it difficult to have to look after such a wide range of plants and keep them in good condition for customers?

A Practically all our plants come from leading British growers. Two nurseries grow almost exclusively for us, and we have a great qualified and dedicated team that look after them. They pride themselves in the care and quality of what they sell.

Q Would you say there are any trends in what people want in their gardens at the moment?

A There is a movement towards growing your own – especially vegetables. With the economy in decline and food prices rising, more families have decided to have a go. It's surprising what you can grow in a very small area, even patios and balconies can produce a welcome source of fresh produce, with a few tubs and planters. Why not try some runner beans against the wall behind the rose bed, or some lettuce etc in amongst the bedding plants?

Q You also have other businesses on the site, such as a pet shop and a model airplane business. Why is that?

A Bybrook Barn has always catered for the whole family, providing something for

everybody. It's this versatility that has helped make it successful. Young children will enjoy the lake and pets, teenagers the radio-controlled cars and helicopters and the elderly the crafts etc. The site is disabled-friendly and people can spend some quality time browsing or merely enjoying a tea or coffee in the restaurant or by the lake.

Q What do you think is the most important thing you can give to your customers?

A What you want when you go shopping – attention and service, feeling that staff appreciate you as a customer. Whilst we don't always get it right, we do try to achieve it.

Q I notice that you have won awards from the Royal Horticultural Society. How did that happen?

A As mentioned earlier our staff are motivated, professional and dedicated and give their best in what they do. It didn't just happen, it took hard work, knowledge and skill as proved by the awards they have received.

Q If you had not got into this business what other career path might you have chosen?

A I had ambitions to be a vet and although I was offered a place at Wye College my parents were unable to afford the fees. However, I don't think there's a better occupation than the one I do now. The people are great, the work so varied and seasonal in a healthy environment, working with nature. What more could one want!

Reporter **Ed Hill** talks to Terry Burch, owner of ByBrook Barn Garden Centre, Kennington, about the history of the centre, how he ended up in the business, and why his customers keep coming back

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'We owe you our freedom'

FOR probably the last time they assembled on the beaches.

The heroes of Normandy, 1944, who stormed the German positions and liberated France from the yoke of Nazi oppression.

At the weekend the dignitaries all assembled – US President Barack Obama, Prince Charles representing the Royal Family and Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

But the day truly belonged to those veterans who took part in the momentous events of 65 years ago – and for all too many of them they realised it was the last time they would all be back together.

Bearing the British standards on the beach at Arromanches were members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association.

"It was lucky we brought our standards," said Ramsgate chairman Ron Williams. "Otherwise we British would have been a bit under-represented."

The group had met early on Saturday morning at various spots in Kent before making the arduous journey to Normandy by coach.

All service veterans, they had come to pay their respects to the fallen at a parade alongside the beach which was taken by British troops on the day itself.

Tom Thaxter of the Royal Scots Fusiliers remembers the events of 65 years ago.

"I left 173 of my friends buried here," he said. "It's an emotional occasion – probably the last one of its kind with so many of us passing away each year. I was wounded in the left leg, just after we landed, the right leg outside Berlin, and the eye in Palestine. But so many of my friends didn't make it at all."

Charles Giles, from Margate, is president of the local naval association.

He said: "It's true there are fewer and fewer of us. I was on a destroyer working on charts off the beaches and I saw them go in. I have admired their bravery ever since."

A few miles away, US President Barack Obama spoke at Omaha Beach, where the Americans landed.

NICK AMES reports from the 65th anniversary celebrations of D-Day, held in Normandy, where war veterans were joined by world leaders to remember the day the liberation of Europe began



STANDARD BEARERS: Members of the Ramsgate Branch of the Royal Naval Association and the Deal Branch of the Royal Marines Association at Arromanches beach

He said the bravery and selflessness of a few changed the course of a whole century.

The Allies suffered 215,000 casualties on D-Day and in the Normandy campaign. Germany suffered similar losses as the Allies fought desperately up the beaches and in to the French countryside to form a bridgehead.

Speaking at the US war cemetery in Colleville-sur-Mer, Mr Obama said it was the sheer improbability of the D-Day victory that had made it so memorable.

He said: "Friends and veterans, what we cannot forget – what we must not forget – is that D-Day was a time and a place where the

bravery and selflessness of a few was able to change the course of an entire century.

"At an hour of maximum danger, amid the bleakest of circumstances, men who thought themselves ordinary found it within themselves to do the extraordinary."

Speaking before Mr Obama, French President Nicolas Sarkozy thanked the Allies for their efforts in liberating France and the rest of Western Europe.

"I want to say thank you to the survivors of this tragedy who are here today with us... we owe you our freedom," he said.

Mr Brown was booed by a small group in the



WREATH: Prince Charles paid respects at Bayeux Cathedral

waiting crowd and one person shouted: "Where's the Queen?"

But he got a laugh from some members of the audience when he referred to Omaha Beach as "Obama Beach".

The French government previously denied it had intended to snub the Royal Family after failing to invite the Queen to the commemorations, with Prince Charles travelling to France after a last-minute invitation.

Mr Brown gave a speech in which he praised "men of courage and bravery".

UK Chief of the General Staff, Gen Sir Richard Dannatt, told the veterans: "I know that I speak on behalf of all soldiers, all over the world, when I salute the focus, determination and professionalism of all of you and your comrades who stormed into northern France from the air and from the sea in June 1944."

Earlier, Mr Brown and the prince laid wreaths inside Bayeux Cathedral during a service organised by the Royal British Legion.

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A feast for the eyes

Youngsters are invited to draw upon their knowledge of seasonal Kent foods to create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece

IT IS often said good food can be a work of art. And now a contest has been launched to underline that very point.

Unveiled at the weekend by the champion of regionally produced food and drink – Produced in Kent – school children in primary schools across the county are being asked to take part in a major art competition. And the aim? To create a Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece. The competition is open to all primary school children from reception classes through to Year 6 and entrants are challenged to create their Summer Fruit & Veg Masterpiece out of real seasonal, regional fruit and vegetables and photograph it. Alternatively they can make a fruit and veg collage using recycled materials and household waste, or children can simply paint or draw their masterpiece. The picture can depict any subject from a smiley face, through to a landscape, or still life.

The crucial ingredient in all the artworks being produced is that they all focus on the delicious range of fresh locally produced food and drink in our county. It coincides with our 2009 KOS Media campaign urging our readers to buy locally produced or supplied food and drink wherever possible.

Supported by Produced in Kent – and spearheaded by our one-stop shop for all your local food and drink shopping needs, www.foodforkent.co.uk – the campaign is designed to cut down on unnecessary food miles, support our local rural communities and protect traditional industries. All in addition to the unbeatable taste and health benefits of local, fresh food. Now it is hoped this competition will help hammer home the message to youngsters about the benefits of eating seasonal, local, produce.

Julie Monkman, manager of Produced in Kent explains: "This competition is a really fun and creative way to engage children in Kent with regionally and seasonally grown fruit and vegetables. The message about healthy eating and eating your 'five-a-day'



has really started to filter through to families and increasingly both parents and children want to reduce their carbon footprint. By buying and using locally grown fruit and veg that is in season, families will not only be consuming healthier, fresher and more nutritious food, they will be helping to keep our county and the planet greener."

The countywide contest will see 10 lucky children, who submit the best piece of art, awarded a fabulous range of prizes worth hundreds of pounds, while the overall winner will be presented with a stunning photographic foodscape picture by TV's celebrity food photographer Carl Warner. Children can find out what fruit and vegetables are in season in Kent this summer on the seasonality chart on the Produced in Kent website (simply go to www.producedinkent.co.uk and follow the Useful Information and Seasonality links).

To enter the competition children can either submit electronic photographs of their work by email or send in their paper draw-

ings/paintings to Produced in Kent's headquarters by Friday, September 18. Address details can be found on the website.

Children should clearly indicate their full name, school year group, the name of their school, age, a contact telephone number and email address. The age of the child will be taken into account during the judging by Produced in Kent's manager Julie Monkman and Carl Warner, but the entry should be entirely the work of the child.

The overall winner and runners up will be invited to the Food & Drink Festival in Canterbury on Saturday, September 26, where Mr Warner will present the prizes on the Produced in Kent exhibition stand. In addition to the foodscape picture, worth hundreds of pounds and a winner's certificate, the winner will be awarded a £50 voucher by Great Art (the UK's leading art suppliers) and a Great Art 12-pan colour box will be presented to the nine runners up with certificates.

To enter, visit www.producedinkent.co.uk.



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YOU already know the benefits of buying local food and drink; and now thanks to the 2009 KOS Media campaign you can help boost the coffers of your local school too.

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The www.foodforkent.co.uk website is spearheading our campaign by offering a huge range of seasonal produce – all sourced, wherever possible, from Kent – and is the perfect one-stop shop for all your shopping needs.

Now everytime you place an order over £40 on the site, we'll donate £2.50 to your nominated school. All you have to do is let us know which school you want to support and give the money to; and then tell your friends and other parents too. Every time they then spend on the site, another £2.50 will go towards the school – you'll be surprised how quickly it adds up.

You may be a parent, teacher, governor or member of the PTA but to ensure your school benefits, simply contact Jonathan Parker direct by emailing your details to schools@foodforkent.co.uk. You will then be given a special code and every time you then shop with www.foodforkent.co.uk £2.50 will go towards the school – with the money handed over every month.

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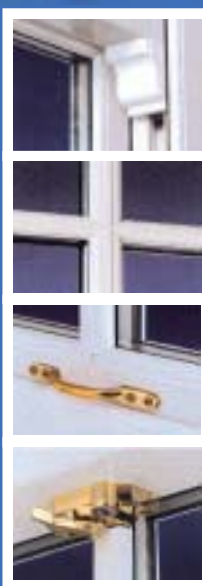
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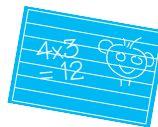


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Rosalind Turner, managing director of children, families and education, said: "Even if a grammar school is only a consideration at this stage, it is worth families registering, as their child has nothing to lose by taking the Kent Test. They will get the test assessment in mid-October, giving them three weeks to decide which schools to apply for and submit their form."

The easiest way to register is to log on to www.kent.gov.uk/ola and complete the online form.

Alternatively a paper copy of the form can be downloaded from the website, obtained from primary schools or requested by calling 01622 696565.

Hospital hangs a special portrait

A FORMER student of the Norton Knatchbull School Richard Mason has completed a picture of William Harvey, the man who first described the blood circulation system of the human body.

The portrait is a copy of a statue in the hospital car park. It is now hanging on the walls at the hospital named after the pioneering physician.



READY FOR THE FUTURE: Ashford School Year 13 students had their final day of school before exams and celebrated at Lympe Castle

Sixth form school leavers had a ball at Lympe Castle

■ BY ED HILL

SIXTH form students at Ashford School recently held their school leaver's party at Lympe Castle.

Formal classes for the older students have come to an end as the exam season begins.

The Year 13 students will now be making the next steps in life whether it is university, travelling or at their first work placement.

The final day of school for the students before their exams consisted of a morning breakfast for the leavers followed by a congratulatory assembly and last minute examination advice for year 11 and 12 students.

There was then a celebratory lunch in the open air by the boarding houses, after which preparations were made for the evening ball at the castle.

In his leaving speech for the Year 13 students, headteacher, Mike Buchanan said: "Let me wish you all the best of luck in the exams. They are the culmination of your school career but they are certainly not the sum of it. I hope you feel you are very different people now than when you joined the school, whether it was two, five, seven or even fifteen years ago. We are very proud of you. We are proud of what you have achieved. We are proud of how well you work together. We are proud of who you are. And I hope you are proud of being part of this school."

The independent school which educates chil-

dren from the age of three to 18 is currently undergoing a major rebuilding programme at its preparatory school in Great Chart.

Mr Buchanan continued in his speech: "I would like to thank on your behalf all of the staff who have helped you over the years; teachers, boarding staff, office staff, drivers, catering staff etc. Everyone here is focused on one thing; helping you to be successful. I would like to thank the head of Sixth Form, Miss Semple, in particular. She is your ever present advocate and I hope you realise just how much she does on your behalf."

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Julie Rose Stadium isn't vital for budding young athletes

UNLESS residents in Ashford have had enough money to spend on a holiday on the International Space station care of the Russian space programme, they cannot have failed to miss that the Julie Rose Stadium has been in a bit of trouble.

The crisis reached its zenith a few weeks ago just before a new contract had to be signed about its funding over the next year. Before we knew it radio appeals had been made to rally supporters down to the stadium and 500 parents and children turned up shouting and waving banners demanding it be kept open.

The athletics track was besieged by TV and radio reporters and the result was the stadium did not close and everyone went away feeling a lot better about the situation and themselves.

More recently, the Kent air ambulance made a special landing at the stadium (only because

it had been in the news) to show its support for the venue and launch its new textile recycling campaign.

I'm not sure making the association between athletics and ambulances is necessarily a good thing. I have seen the pictures of broken bones protruding through athlete's calves and shins while they do the long jump or pole vault in lad magazines.

People say the stadium is vital to help young children participate in sport and keep them active. I am not sure I agree. I spent years in front of the telly as a kid, constantly being told by my parents to stop watching the goggle box and being warned that my eyes would go square. Yet I think I grew up relatively healthy. When I wanted to go out and run around, I did it when I felt like it. To quote Norman Tebbit about his dad, I got on my bike and looked for something to do. Well, he said look for work but when you're a kid looking for something to do is your job.

I don't think kids need to be regulated and

instructed to have a good time; they should be allowed to just get on with it. I joined things like judo and youth clubs but after the first couple of times I would be bored and much rather be out kicking a ball around the recreation park with my mates or annoying adults by frankly being a nuisance. (Actually my 100m time from knocking on someone's front door and then disappearing was pretty good.)

The Julie Rose is a great facility but that doesn't get away from the fact that it has to be paid for. Athletics is never going to be that popular among the wider population except during the Olympics.

Whoever manages it, the stadium is going to have to come up with many more imaginative ways to attract the punters; most of them nothing to do with running round and round a track.

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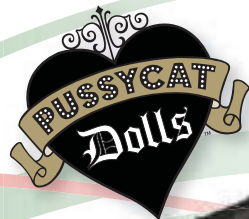
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TALK TIME

MARTIN CLEAVOR

The salesman at Laguna Motorcycles (Triumph) in Kingsnorth talks about his love of bikes and the classic Triumph



How did you get into bikes?

I was a police cadet in Durham; they asked if I wanted to do a bike course and I jumped at the chance.

What's the appeal?

It's the freedom. I have just come back from doing a tour in Eastern Europe. You see more of the countryside when you are on a bike. Especially when you are overseas; you can literally smell the differences in the countries as you go from border to border. You don't get that experience in a car.

Your wife also rides, are more women taking up biking?

I think the manufacturers woke up some time ago that more and more women want to ride. They now produce models specifically designed for women. Biking was in the past very much a male preserve. I think it is good to see it changing.

Triumph is a classic British bike name. Is it still British owned?

Yes, it is owned by a man call John Bloor. They still have two factories in Hinckley in the West Midlands. They stick to only making two and three cylinder engine bikes. A lot of people buy the Bonneville because they remember them from their younger days. At the moment we are making a lot of sales in Europe because of the strength of the pound. A couple from France have just ridden here for their bike's first service.

YOUR LETTERS



Tuning in to new Ashford station

I was interested to read that Ashford will get its own community radio station. I wish all of those involved luck.

We now have a decent choice of radio and hopefully this new station really will be for Ashford folk.

Harold Edwards, by email



Protect rights, stub out law breakers

I refer to the news story in last week's Yourashford about an individual breaking the law banning smoking in public places.



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This is one person's view of a brilliant law that has made going out to pubs and restaurants a pleasure again.

When will these selfish addicts understand that the majority of people do not wish to inhale their

spent poison, and that this law was passed to protect the our human rights!

I would urge the authorities to do the right thing and prosecute anyone breaking the law.

Ian Blake, by email



We're paying for the propaganda

It appears that the council is not interested in prosecuting individuals as they only get a paltry fine.

They will probably target innocent organisations like shopping centres so the courts can extract as much money by the way of a fine as possible.

You have probably noticed millions upon millions of pounds wasted on smoking propaganda they have to get it back somehow.

Why not complain to your MP about this total waste of multi-millions of pounds for little results.

Peter Willis, from London, comment posted on our web story

Man sparked up important issue

Well done that man!

The lying cheating politicians who decided that 12 million people are breaking the law for smoking inside places are now jumping ship.

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abiding people of this country.

This man is not breaking a law that has a right to be in existence, being made by liars and thieves.

Shaun, from Reculver, comment posted our web story

Solar heated up about town housing

Having just read in Yourashford about 6,500 houses in the Cheeseman's Green area, could I suggest that this would be the perfect way for Ashford to hit the headlines in becoming one of the first towns to really begin to 'go green'.

We should insist that all new construction should have some degree of solar heating.

Although individually, this is not cheap, the cost to a developer would obviously make the price to them, and eventually to the individual customer, more acceptable.

Water, meters and solar heating could be of great advantage not only to the occupants but also to commercial constructions and what an advertisement for Ashford.

O McGregor, Aldington

Putting up a united front at polling booth

I know politicians are not the most popular group of people at the moment but after a bit of thought I did vote in the Kent County Council elections on Thursday.

I feel that it is important to show that people are still interested in the democratic process even though the people involved in it as elected representatives are not all they should be – or at least many of them aren't.

Also I felt it was important not to allow the odious National Front any chance of a share of the vote.

Ian Todd, by email

Waxing lyrical about Big Brother idiots

In your blog last week about Big Brother's most annoying character there was one person who was clearly missing.

The worst housemate ever who once received more than 90 per cent of the eviction vote despite being up against two others has to be "Seezer the Geezer".

I remember him going on about being a city trader and amateur boxer who was irresistible to women because he waxed his chest.

What a prize idiot.

Dave Lester, by email

I'm bowled over by unfair ticket prices

Does anyone else agree with me that the pricing and ticket arrangements for Kent's 20-20 cricket matches are unfair?

Not to let people who fork out for membership into the games with

their pass is unfair.

I know the team wants to attract a new crowd for this short form of the game but to expect people who have paid out quite a large sum to have to pay again on the day strikes me as unfair.

Membership should entitle a person to a ticket for all home games – especially those that are most popular.

On the positive side though, the idea of offering a free ticket for a county championship game when you show your 20-20 ticket at the game – as was offered on Sunday May 31 in the Sussex home clash – is an excellent one.

Ian Paynter, by email

Get running and you can help beat cancer

I am writing to let your readers know about the British 10k London Run, which is taking place on Sunday, July 12.

We at World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) are looking for runners in the local area to take part in the event for us and raise vital funds for our cancer prevention research and education programmes.

Starting at Hyde Park Corner, the 10k run is the biggest in Britain with 26,000 people taking part last year. The route takes runners past famous sights such as Tower Bridge.

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Natalie Tarrant, events manager for World Cancer Research Fund, by email

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Revisiting her freedom

■ BY SUSAN GRIFFIN

EMMA Thompson has a 'couldn't care less' attitude that makes her irresistible – and her next move will see her bowing out of the lime-light for a year.

With her latest film, *Last Chance Harvey* released on Friday, Thompson is now finishing filming the second *Nanny McPhee* movie, which she has written and stars in. Then the two-time Oscar winner intends to reward herself with a break, having turned 50 in April.

"It is a big milestone," the actress says. "It is one of the biggest because when you reach it you can say 'I'm going to be a naturalist now'. You can say whatever you want."

"Funnily enough, my great friend, the actor Derek Jacobi, recently turned 70 and I said, 'what was that like compared to 50 or 60?'"

"He said, it's very different. At 50 you can do what you want, at 60 you have to do what you're doing – at 70, you have no choices left. So with a view to making the right choices, I'm taking a year off. It's my birthday present to myself."

While other more insecure stars would be fearful of people forgetting their name, Thompson is ready to embrace a period of calm: "As an actor and writer, sometimes I think you have to stop creating and let your brain relax. I think it hones the appetite."

Despite her advancing years, Thompson still retains a youthful spirit that drives her on.

Last year she was caught by paparazzi dancing around a lamp-post, her designer dress hitched up as she flashed her legs and pulled faces for the cameras on the way home from the after-party for the *Brideshead Revisited* premiere in London. Despite the adulation and awards, her unpretentious manner is clear to see – it's why the 'everywoman' roles she plays resonate with audiences.

Thompson delivers yet another striking performance in *Last Chance Harvey*, where she plays Kate, a woman who appears to go about her life without expectation or ambition. Then one day she meets a fellow lost soul in the shape of Harvey, played by Dustin Hoffman.



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"It was a coming of age movie for both of us. I don't think we could have done it earlier in our careers. I love that about the movie."

Last Chance Harvey is a low-key romance,

READY TO RELAX: Emma Thompson is taking a year off

written and directed by relative newcomer Joel Hopkins. Without Thompson's support, it's unlikely the studio, Overture Films, would ever have given the project the go-ahead.

"Yes, that is true," she says, laughing. "Well, kind of... It was serendipity because I had just worked with Dustin on *Stranger Than Fiction* and he wanted to do it. That connection we had was what made the movie happen."

But before she has a chance to shy away from the spotlight to enjoy her birthday gift to herself, she has to finish making the *Nanny McPhee* sequel, which she chose ahead of continuing her role in the *Harry Potter* series.

"I've been writing it for three years and I'm really excited about it," she says. "It is set 100 years after the last film and the only thing the same is (her character) *Nanny McPhee*."

Only then, when the cameras have stopped rolling can Thompson sit back and enjoy the fruits of her success.

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Twisted theme night – sea you there

ELECTRO-loving pirates, sailors and mermaids should set sail for Maidstone for the Twisted at Sea theme night later this month.

The 'Boat Rocking Dress Up Party' will feature the very best in dub-step, hip-hop and funk across two stages.

Resident Twisted DJs will be joined by We Are Your Friends, Big Trouble, gangster house duo 2 Bit Thugs and DJ Matt Cox.

A spokesman for The Source Bar event said: "Twisted is taking a cruise and throwing its anchor into the sea just in time for the summer months and for all you returning students."

"We thought what better way to start the weekly summer parties with yet another one

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

of our epic themes and this time we are getting seasick and partying over the deep blue nothing with some very special guests.

"There will be big prizes for the best dressed and runners up, so all you have to do is dress up as something at sea or even in the sea like castaways, beach bums, pirates or impress us with some homemade sea monster."

"As per usual, the Twisted team will be doing up the bar as much as possible to give it that summer sea vibe and this time we will be helped on the night by a lovely set of helpers who will be providing you with some ice cream, candy floss, cakes and some cool accessories."

Twisted at Sea boasts two rooms – The Boat Party and The Dockyard.

We Are Your Friends and Twisted DJs will take charge of the decks in The Boat Party while Big Trouble, 2 Bit Thugs and Matt Cox will take charge in The Dockyard.

Clubbers are advised to bring their sea-faring ware to the night as a foam machine will be set up outside.

Twisted at Sea takes place on Tuesday, June 23. The club is open from 9pm to 4am. Entry costs £3, £2 NUS.

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ON THE DECKS: DJ Matt Cox will play at Twisted at Sea

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Tuning in to a guitar master



Professor of guitar Richard Smith is performing in Kent and will be passing on his skills in special masterclasses

FANS of guitar music can take a lesson from an expert when Richard Smith visits Kent this month.

As a professor of guitar at the University of Southern California, Smith is the perfect role-model for aspiring musicians and is used to passing on his expertise.

Now people in Kent can not only enjoy his performances in two concerts but also take advantage of a free guitar masterclass by this consummate musician.

The award-winning recording artist and performer is the jazz guitarist with Los Angeles-based LA Chilharmonic, which will perform in Margate and Folkestone. Described as smooth contemporary jazz with

pop accessibility and a funky R&B edge, their music should appeal to jazz fans and those who are looking for something a little different.

As a professor at USC's Thornton School of Music, Smith heads the Guitar Masters programme in the Studio/Jazz Guitar Department and gives free lessons and mentoring to at-risk children in the Los Angeles area.

He visits Kent at the request of local promoter and music business lecturer Julia Jones, who is fostering links between the American college and Canterbury Christ Church University's music departments.

Thornton School of Music is ranked alongside the prestigious Julliard School in New York as one of the top conservatoires in the world.

A world-class player with a num-

ber of accolades to his name, Smith cites a variety of influences, from jazz guitar legends Wes Montgomery, George Benson and Pat Martino to his mentor Joe Diorio and contemporary jazz pioneers Lee Ritenour, Larry Carlton and Robben Ford.

He has taught masterclasses throughout Europe and the US, as well as performing at prestigious venues such as the Town Hall in New York, the World Trade Centre and the Orchestra Hall, Chicago.

The guitar masterclass will be held at the Canterbury Christ Church University campus in Broadstairs on Saturday.

Admission is by guest list only, so to join email Julia@musicclub.org.uk.

LA Chilharmonic will be performing at Cafe G in Margate at 8pm on Sunday. Tickets cost £15, including first drink and snacks.

For more information, you can phone the cafe on 01843 225600.

They can also be seen at Quarterhouse in Folkestone on Thursday, June 18, starting at 7.30pm. Support will be provided by acclaimed Kent singer-songwriter Raphael Mead. You can hear some of Mead's tracks and find out more about him online at www.myspace.com/raphaelmead.

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TONEDOFF HOUSE NIGHT

Saturday, August 20
Rain Nightclub, Ashford

MUSIC heavyweights such as Tall Paul (pictured) and Brandon Block will descend on Ashford for one night this summer.

Rain will host the inaugural event by Tonedoff, a collaboration between three Kent promoters and businessmen, which aims to bring the best in dance events to the county. For their August debut, they have joined forces with the mighty Cream to create an incredible night of house music.



Following a £1 million sound and lighting upgrade, the club will welcome huge names such as Seb Fontaine, K-Klass and Nick Rafferty. Tonedoff also supports local talent and DJ Rob Cockerton from Maidstone will hit the decks with Tonedoff's resident jocks.

The new venture is the brainchild of ex-HD Promotions partner Mark Dickson, of Gatecrasher, Hed Kandi and Fierce Angel fame; ex-HeadRoc Honcho, High Society and Bubble mastermind Mick Mcleavey and Jon Jeffery, a successful security businessman.

With three follow-up events in the pipeline, clubbers can look forward to what looks like being a huge addition to the Kent dance scene. Visit www.tonedoff.co.uk for news.

TENTERDEN '09

Saturday, June 13 and Sunday, June 14
Recreation Ground, Tenterden



A FANTASTIC line-up of music acts will be delighting the crowds at Tentertainment '09.

As one of Kent's leading free music and local food festivals, the event offers a number of attractions for visitors. Whether it is the musical entertainment or the chance to sample foods from some of the best local producers, there will be something for most tastes.

The headline act will be in-demand jive and swing band The Jive Aces, who have worked with industry legends such as Van Morrison, Status Quo, John Travolta and Chris Smith and his String of Pearls.

"The event is about showcasing local music talent too," said organiser Clare Passmore. "We've got some great local musicians, including students from Homewood School. It will be a festival to remember this year."

Last year's event attracted about 6,000 visitors so it is hoped that this year's festival will be even more successful. To get involved or inquire about stall availability, email nigelcollins25@yahoo.co.uk

BARN THEATRE

Ongoing,
Smallhythe Place, Tenterden



SEE a traditional craftsman at work as Smallhythe Place's Barn Theatre has its thatched roof replaced.

The National Trust property, formerly the home of Victorian actress Ellen Terry, boasts a lovely garden and its own playhouse, The Barn Theatre, in its grounds. Thatcher Roger Evans is hard at work replacing the theatre's thatched roof and visitors will be able to see him restoring the barn to its original condition.

He will partially strip the existing roof, then attach a new coat of long straw using hazel spars. It will take eight tonnes of straw and 10,000



spars to create the new roof, which should last 25 years.

The work is expected to continue until mid-July, depending on the weather, and this rare demonstration of a dwindling rural trade will add interest to the already fascinating property.

Terry bought the early 16th-century house in the 1890s and lived there until her death in 1928. Smallhythe Place is open from 11am to 5pm, Saturday to Wednesday. Go online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01580 762334.

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Celebrate midsummer and enjoy a good book

AUTHORS Maggie Alderson and Victoria Hislop will be at the Wealden Midsummer Fair this weekend.

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YOUR TV REVIEW

■ BY MARIJKE COX

 **SPRINGWATCH 2009**
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WHO would have guessed that Springwatch would have become quite the success it has?

Turns out there's nothing some of us like better than watching some birds twitter in and out of a nestbox in glorious technicolour and now we're on series five.

The show has returned for a new run and as ever sticks to much the same formula as before.

Mind you, it has lost the beardy birdman from Rochdale, Bill Oddie, who has left to "take a breather".

He has been replaced in the studio/shed by Chris Packham, who used to present the Really Wild Show when I was a nipper. Indeed, the fact that he now looks pretty old makes me, in turn, feel less than spritely.

Those who tend to find hedgehogs scuttling around at the bottom of the garden a fascinating insight into the fabric of this country will love this, and will no doubt already have tuned in, because this is one popular show.

Others would be advised to steer well clear.

Just when you thought they couldn't take reality television any further the brains at Channel 4 manage to pull another one out the bag.

And to all those who thought the country had run out of fame-seeking reality dummies, you were wrong.

After the success of the first two series, travel show The Coach Trip has started up again, following seven pairs of contestants on a six-week tour around Europe.

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WATCH THE BIRDIE: Natures lovers should be tuned in to the new series of BBC's Springwatch

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At the end of each day each pair – made up of the usual husband and wife, mother and daughter or life-long friends combo – have to vote off the people they least like.

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In the event a couple get two yellow cards they are thrown off the bus and replaced with a new pair of eager contestants.

But what makes this show even funnier is the browbeaten, camp tour guide Brendon, who tries desperately to keep things running smoothly as he herds 14 people around Europe.

Brits abroad causing mayhem, who would've thought it, eh?

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOU'RE a lot more sentimental than usual. Maybe the reason you're so emotional is that you miss a good friend. Although you can still keep in touch via phone and email, you need some face to face time. Perhaps you can pay them a visit, but expectations reasonable.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOUR allure is at an all-time high; use it to your advantage. This is a great time to get favours from all sorts of people. Beware of accepting an offer with strings attached, though. You wouldn't want to get into a relationship that's more trouble than it's worth.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

SPARKS are flying between you and a powerful personality. If you're in a shaky relationship, this could mark the death knell of your union. You simply can't endure their bizarre behaviour. Resist the urge to jump straightaway into another commitment. It's best to play the field.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

BE extra attentive to the one you love because they have the power to make or break your happiness. Recently, you've been preoccupied with work and may have taken out your frustrations on a best friend or romantic partner: Carrying on like this will result in a nasty shock.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

DON'T be afraid to draw attention to your talent. A little self promotion goes a long way. If you're trying to win someone's heart, summon your confidence. Pretend you're playing a part in a movie, if necessary. Playing the wallflower at a party will have disastrous results.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

MAKING a sacrifice on behalf of a loved one comes naturally. Some people will think you are behaving oddly and there may be good reasons for their concern. After all, you've been hurt by relationships in the past. Maybe it's better to wait before making a heartfelt pledge.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU can afford to be a little reckless where your love life is concerned. If you're in a relationship, whisk your lover away to a hidden trysting place. If you're single, it's time to confess a crush. Someone who admires your bravery could come forward and ask for a date.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

IT'S time to spruce up your wardrobe. If fashion isn't your thing, get some help from a well-dressed Libra or Pisces. This friend can show you which colours and cuts will enhance your looks. Don't get angry if they steer you away from your favourite looks.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

YOUR cash levels look likely to rise sharply. You could get a hefty sum for a valuable antique you no longer want. Alternatively, you could land a better paid job or get a rise. Be sure to put some of the money toward something very special for your home.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

SPENDING time with friends is a good idea. You've been so wrapped up in work recently you've all, but forgotten your social life. Swing the pendulum in the other direction and go out with your best mates. A steady job could come to an unexpected halt, leaving you the loser.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

YOU'RE getting mixed signals from someone sexy. The best way to keep their interest is to give them the cold shoulder. Sure, it's risky, but the payoff will be tremendous. An innocent remark could provoke an angry reaction. That's further proof this flirt interested in you.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR creative juices are flowing like a mighty river. There's never been a better time to write a first chapter or apply your paintbrush to a canvas. Give yourself permission to start slowly. Resist the temptation to throw something out once you've started it.

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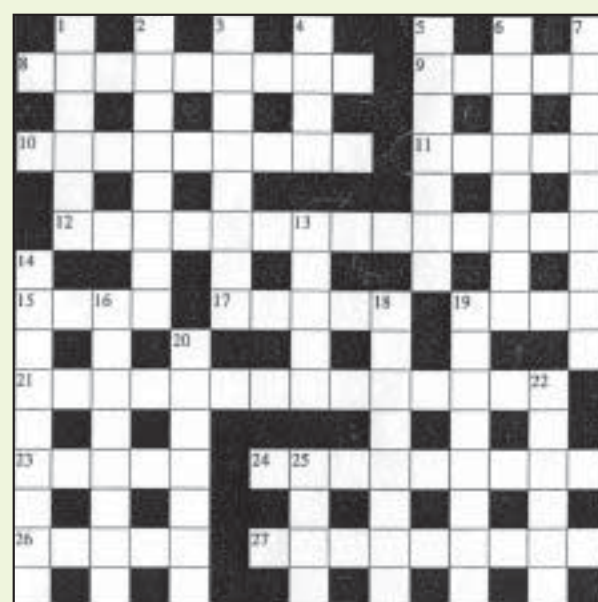
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- 8 Indecent photograph of detailed scheme (9)
9 Bird mother once protected (5)
10 Meet Ma, a NZ stranger in astonishment (9)
11 Army accepting a member in Florida (5)
12 Prince's military manoeuvre? (6-8)
15 Do a bit of pressing (4)
17 Venetian magistrate trapped old penny duck (5)
19 Lady drops a clanger (4)
21 Grillroom? (7,7)
23 Old piece of France (5)
24 Become bored with TV perhaps, so do this to it (6,3)
26 Some of the Israelites chosen (5)
27 Scheme by extraterrestrial with a number of lines of certain heavenly bodies (9)

DOWN

- 1 Refuse to talk about said meat at university (4,2)
2 Last letter in atonement for Cornish resort (8)
3 Top part of capstan, or of percussion instrument? (8)
4 We do not know the name of this prolific author (4)
5 Threats surprisingly disintegrate (7)
6 English PM first making debut (8)
7 Unworldly? (9)
13 Doctor, one leaving famous Italian family (5)
14 Explained how margins had been aligned (9)
16 Some whinger, manic-depressive, from a European country (8)
18 Insisting on doing the work of thespian formerly at the start (8)
19 Robert had pale quail (8)
20 Sooner more readily responsive (7)
22 Change bench about first (6)
25 Fancy twill almost to become limp (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Scribbling (9)
9 Ovals (anag) (5)
10 Played by plucking (9)
11 Open sore (5)
12 Willing to engage in community action (6-8)
15 Above (4)
17 Story (5)
19 Bracken (4)
21 Most successful to date (6-8)
23 Undulated (5)
24 Pantomime character (4,5)
26 Bedfordshire town (5)
27 Large hunting dog (9)

DOWN

- 1 Stint (6)
2 Tanzanian island (8)
3 Act of choosing (8)
4 Use needles (4)
5 Drafting instrument (1-6)
6 Part of formal wear (5,3)
7 Driving stolen car (9)
13 Raves (anag) (5)
14 Wooden footpath (9)
16 Dig out (8)
18 Unit of language from another language (4,4)
19 Scare (8)
20 Circumspect (7)
22 The rag (anag) (6)
25 Christmas (4)

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10 Parasite 11 Conservation 13 Byron 14
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across 4 Larynx 5 Deplete 6 Aardvark 7
Beset 8 In two minds 12 Typewriter 15
Levitated 16 Divisive 18 Cypress 20 Zinnia
22 Wozy 23 Quin.

QUICK SOLUTION No91

ACROSS: 8 Scrawling 9 Salvo 10 Pizzicato
11 Usher 12 Public-spirited 15 Over 17 Novel
19 Fern 21 Record-breaking 23 Waved 24
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We decided to see one of London's most

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

acclaimed musical productions, *The Lion King*, at the beautiful Lyceum Theatre. Now celebrating its 10th year on the stage, the show has remained popular with theatregoers and it was time to find out why.

It took an hour to travel into London Victoria on the train and about another 20 minutes to reach Paddington underground station, where we had a few minutes' walk to the four-star London Paddington Shaftesbury Premier hotel.



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Our pre-theatre meal was at Sticky Fingers, an American-style diner in Philimore Gardens, Kensington, owned by Rolling Stone Bill Wyman. Funky, bright and welcoming, it was a pleasant place to eat and refreshingly priced for a celebrity haunt. The excellent food presented true value for money – having ordered the ribs for £14.45, we were presented with a massive rack that made a proper meal, while the smoked chicken cobb salad at £12.95 was equally substantial.

The Lyceum Theatre is a short walk from Temple or Covent Garden tube stations and we were glad we had booked, as there were long queues outside the box office.

Anticipation was palpable in the theatre as the curtain went up, with many audience members already discussing plot and characters with fond familiarity. Recreating the much-loved figures from the mega-hit animated movie would have been enough of a challenge, without the sprawling setting of the African plains to contend with as well. But any fan of the original would not have been disappointed with this respectful, creative and colourful production.

The breath-taking opening scene features possibly the film's best-known song, the anthem *Circle of Life*, accompanied by a truly remarkable collection of creatures. Displaying awesome ingenuity with set and costume design, the award-winning production conjures up giraffes, rhinos and even a small elephant.

Wisely perhaps, the costume designers have gone for rather abstract approximations of animals for the main characters, though some actors are more encumbered than others. The young Simba, our tale's fledgling hero, wears little more than a tail to depict his lion identity in the first half.

Imaginative, thrilling and unexpectedly moving in places, the show was hugely entertaining. It never scrimped on the visual effects to convey *The Lion King*'s exotic setting and more dramatic episodes, while one enormously atmospheric scene – in which the adult Simba converses with his late father – drew audible gasps from the audience.

The film's memorable score has been expanded so the show now boasts 15 songs. Superb live music and singing perfectly evoked the African location and it was pleasing to hear lyrics that were not always sung in English.

Judging by the standing ovation from a packed house at the end of the show, *The Lion King* will continue to reign over Theatreland for a long time to come.

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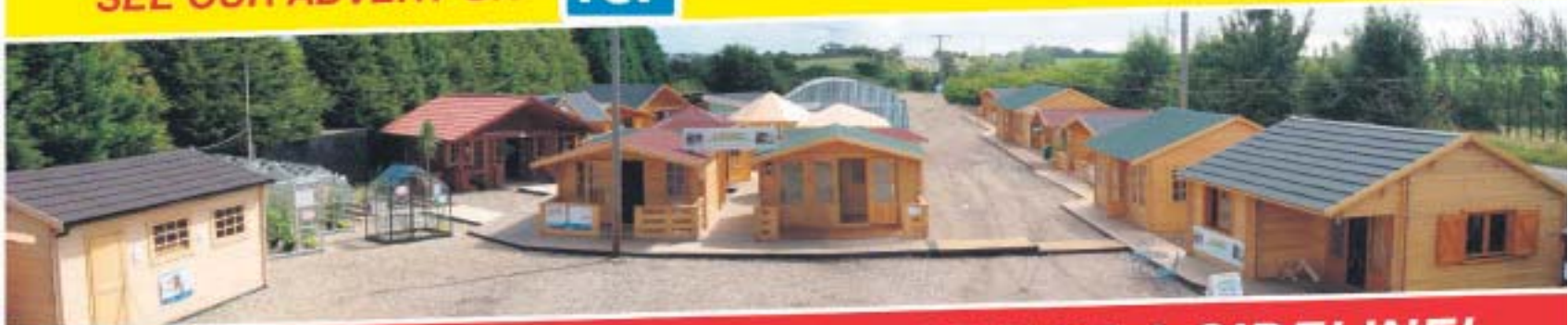
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Student digs 'good bet during credit crunch'

RESEARCH has found that student accommodation is still attracting investors.

Estate agents Savills discovered rental growth and high occupancy rates continued to attract investors into the digs sector, though the 'limited availability of appropriate investment vehicles risks frustrating attempts by individual investors to benefit from the sector'.

The average rents for purpose-built student housing (PBSH) grew by five per cent between 2007/2008 and 2008/2009, with 7 per cent seen in the capital.

Demand for PBSH continued, despite the economic downturn, with undergraduate applications up by 9 per cent for 2008/2009.

Savills also found that the number of new students was outpacing the new supply of accommodation by a factor of ten nationally.

Jacqui Daly, director of Savills research, said: "High demand, low supply growth, rising rents and high occupancy rates make student accommodation an investment vehicle of choice during uncertain economic times.

"An underlying supply/demand imbalance points to a robust outlook for the sector, while the strengths of the business model mean that capital values have not fallen to the same degree as other commercial or residential real estate."

Rental levels may have hit bottom, say experts

ACCORDING to the FindaProperty Rental Index, May saw property rental prices remain steady, leading to cautious optimism that rental prices may have reached the bottom.

For the first time since August 2009, property rental prices did not show a month-on-month drop.

The average monthly rent remained at £819, although this is 5.5 per cent lower than the same time last year.

Houses and flats continue to react differently to the rental market conditions.

There has been a fall in the supply of rental houses which is leading to a modest increase in rents being demanded, say analysts.

They add that there is a rising number of flats available, leading to a fall in rents.

A rental property is now on the market for 65 days, up 16 days on this time last year.



GREEN SHOOTS: The second month-on-month rise in house prices, increased buyer activity and a hike in average asking prices could all be seen as reasons for optimism

Increase in house prices gets cautious welcome

■ BY NICK AMES

THE property market has been boosted by news that house prices have risen for the second time in three months.

Nationwide's monthly figures for May showed that house prices rose by 1.2 per cent, taking the annual decline to 11.3 per cent – a sharp improvement from 15 per cent.

The findings are the latest in a market which has become more optimistic in recent weeks, following an unprecedented gloomy start to the year.

But Nationwide warned that what it called a 'spring bounce' in prices does not necessarily signal the last of the house prices falls.

Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, said: "Although the short-term trend in house prices has clearly improved from where it was at the beginning of the year, it is still too early to say that the market is turning definitively.

"During the downturn of the early 1990s, there were many months during which prices rose, only to fall back down again in subsequent periods.

"Nonetheless, the improvement in house price trends is consistent with signs of stabilisation in several other economic indicators and suggests that any further price declines may occur at a less rapid pace than in 2008."

Other evidence of an upturn in the market

has been spotted by market analysts in recent days. Michael White, chief executive of online mortgage adviser Email Mortgages.com, added: "Those looking for further evidence of green shoots will point to increased first-time buyer activity in the market, positive noises from estate agents and the recent Rightmove average asking-price figures, which also showed an increase.

"However, the fact remains that it is very early days to be suggesting a full-blown recovery in the UK housing market."

The upward movement of house prices could

be explained by a recent stabilisation of the ratio of sales to unsold stock, as published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, Nationwide said.

But with unemployment still rising and credit conditions remaining tight, experts say demand is likely to remain low for some time, while supply will be constricted as sellers are reluctant to put their home on the market when prices are depressed.

If demand starts to rise while supply levels stay low, prices could begin to rise again.

"For the moment, however, it is unclear how the balance between supply and demand will ultimately work through in the coming months," Mr Gahbauer said.

Over-estimating property value could be expensive

HOMEOWNERS overestimate the value of their homes by more than £35,000, according to research by Abbey Mortgages.

It discovered that the average homeowner estimates their home to be worth £190,175 – an overestimation of £37,280 compared with the Land Registry house price figures, which put today's average house price at £152,895.

Despite falling house prices, homeowners across all regions overvalued their homes.

Those living in the East and South East were the most optimistic, estimating their

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Nici Audhlam-Gardiner, Abbey director of mortgages, said: "Homeowners looking to remortgage or sell need to make sure that the value of their home is accurate and has been valued by professionals to avoid problems or disappointment further down the line.

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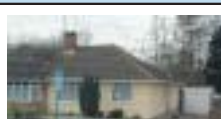
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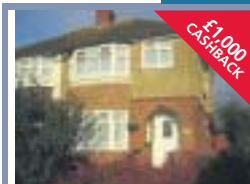
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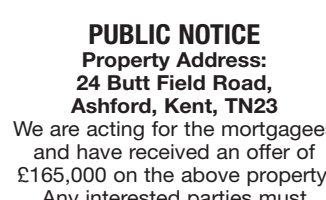
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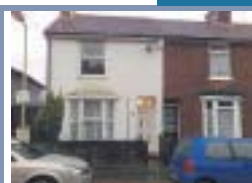
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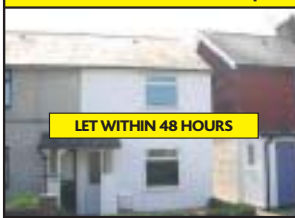
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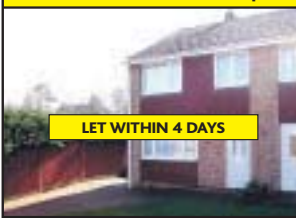
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MOTORS NEWS



Roaring Jaguar rattles rivals with added value

AFTER years of hanging on by its claws, Jaguar has roared back with demand for the latest XF model leading to best in class second-hand values.

Industry valuation bible Glass's Guide reckons the mid-range Jag model will be worth 18 per cent more than an equivalent Audi in 12 months' time and nine per cent more in three years' time.

Glass's spokesman Jason King said: "The XF has made a very impressive entry into the segment and has shaken up the established German players."



Espace celebrating 25 years of MPV success

RENAULT sparked the people carrier or MPV revolution 25 years ago with the original Espace.

It was a marriage of plans by Renault for a grand touring saloon with a flexible seating layout and French aerospace firm Matra's proposals for an American style 'minivan' with bench seats.

Their effort spawned many MPV imitators and changed the face of the motor market. The Espace itself has evolved through four generations and celebrates 25 years this summer.



Nissan is cashing in on Qashqai functionality

NISSAN'S wisdom in opting out of the mainstream hatchback market and banking on the multi-functional Qashqai was proved last month.

The British-built crossover entered the UK new car top 10 for the first time (see below) moving 73 per cent more units than in May, 2008, and claiming more than six per cent of the market.

1) Ford Fiesta; 2) Ford Focus; 3) Vauxhall Corsa; 4) VW Golf; 5) Vauxhall Astra; 6) Peugeot 207; 7) Mini; 8) Ford Mondeo; 9) Nissan Qashqai; 10) Vauxhall Insignia.



DRIVING SALES: Toyota's new-look Avensis comes in saloon or Tourer (estate) versions with the Japanese giant's economical 'Optimal Drive' technology fitted as standard

Optimal Avensis' rakish style shows classy touch

THERE'S no hiding place in the family car sector today.

'Mondeo Class' contenders must battle on image and style as well as value, having seen a once huge market share hunted down by 4x4s, MPVs and executive class rivals.

So Toyota's latest Avensis gained a big hike in style and quality to add to past attributes – reliability, value and practicality. Sharp, aggressive new lines show how dated the previous car had become, while the hatchback option has been dropped to leave a straight choice between classy saloon and Tourer (estate) – Toyota reckons the latter will now take half of sales.

I can't argue with that after a week with a high-spec 2.0-litre T4 (£20,410 – Tourer prices from £15,760); the car is sharp-suited yet loses little in practicality and drives better than before, helped by an extended wheelbase and track within similar overall dimensions.

It is also economical thanks to the Japanese motor giant's 'Optimal Drive' engine technology, crucial to designing the brand's tiny IQ city car, but now filtering through to larger models through low friction components, lighter and more compact design elements and enhanced

ROAD TEST TOYOTA AVENSIS

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

combustion, bringing better emissions and economy yet delivering more power and driving enjoyment.

With tougher times here, this mix of style and money-saving technology should help keep the Avensis high in customer satisfaction surveys, though not yet threaten German executive rivals. Nevertheless, the Toyota looks and feels upmarket with the Tourer highlighting the current trend for divergence between the roof line and rearmost window frames to deliver a racy rear end with excellent headroom. The cabin is gimmick free and passes the touch test for quality, but can seem character-less – the £600 optional panoramic roof fitted to our car is a cure.

The 150bhp 2.0-litre petrol fitted is responsive and refined and a slick six-speed manual shift allows an average of around 40mpg – unheard of at this capacity only a few years ago – but a new highly-rated 145bhp 1.8-litre sister is likely to be the preferred option for this fuel and the 2.0 and 2.2-litre diesels will surely dominate sales.

The Avensis chassis is set up more for ride comfort than tight handling, but can still be caught out by poorer surfaces.



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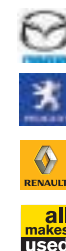
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Official Government Environment Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km) and CO₂ emissions (g/km). Aveo 1.2 S 3dr: Urban - 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban - 61.4 (4.6), Combined - 51.4 (5.5). CO₂ emissions 132g/km. Captiva 2.4 Petrol LS 5-seat: Urban - 23.5 (12.0), Extra-urban - 39.8 (7.1), Combined - 31.7 (8.9). CO₂ emissions 217g/km. Matiz 0.8 S 5dr: Urban - 43.5 (6.5), Extra-urban - 68.9 (4.1), Combined - 56.5 (5.0). CO₂ emissions 119g/km.

USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

TOP SELLING FAMILY HATCHBACKS

LOOKING for a car that does it all? Start shopping for a family hatchback; it seats five, can be crammed like a small van by balancing space, flexibility and economy... providing you don't go for a 'hot hatch' version. Family hatches still dominate the UK top 10 – all three of our recommendations are regulars – and the end product needs to be good to compete at all against talented opposition. Market clout helps, of course, but this trio deserves to be there on merit too – check out the profiles below.

FORD FOCUS



BRITAIN'S favourite car. Or is it? Some say it's number one through Ford's formidable market share. Maybe, but the Focus is great to drive, practical, well-made and blessed with good engines. For second-hand buyers there is a fantastic choice of power – including the rapid ST (pictured) – trim levels and body styles: a smart saloon and estate plus a coupé convertible. The Mark II's popularity and ordinary looks are a weakness though – enough for some buyers to look elsewhere.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VW GOLF



IT costs extra for a Golf, signalling the power of a more premium badge. Good diesels also keep used prices up, while the GTI hot hatch adds glamour across the range. Interior quality and ambience is top-notch too and the newly replaced Mark V was possibly the best drive in class. That said, the Golf suffers from fairly dull styling and buyers might be tempted by sexier and cheaper French rivals such as the Citroën C4 or Renault Megané.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

VAUXHALL ASTRA



SUFFERS like the Focus from being a common sight, thanks to its lofty new top 10 sales position. But nobody could accuse the Astra of being dreary looking; Renault Megane aside, it is still the most sharply styled family hatchback on sale. Vauxhall has also differentiated between the rakish three-door model, dubbed the Sport Hatch, and the five-door workhorse. There is a longer wheelbase estate too. Engine options, including impressive Fiat-derived diesels, are among the sector's best.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
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FIAT

GRANDE PUNTO, gd08axs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, remote locking, blue, 7500 miles, £3995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, ap08nfr, contact the used car team for more help, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, 17 alloy upgrade, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric mirrors, foglights, front armrest, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, metallic paintwork, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, grey, 28102 miles, £11495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 1.8 Titanium 5dr, balance of 3 year warranty, abs, air con, alloys, central locking, child locks, colour coding body, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, front armrest, folding rear seats, heated screen, locking wheel nuts, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, insurance group:8, silver, 26251 miles, £11995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

C-MAX, 1.8TDCi Titanium 5dr, SPORT PACK 3, ng08hrh, balance of 3 year warranty, 18 alloys, rain sensing wipers, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, child locks, colour coding body, remote locking, insurance group: 8, grey, 25693 miles, £13995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.25 Studio 3dr, bg08xcs, metallic moon dust, abs, central locking, driver airbag, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cassette, rear headrests, with over 400 ford cars in stock today, contact the used car team for more help, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year. insurance group:3, silver, 12758 miles, £7495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.6 Zetec S 3dr, metallic moon dust, abs, air con, alloys, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, sports seats, all vehicles come with balance of 3 year, contact the used car team for more help, with over 400 ford cars in stock today. silver, 9787 miles, £3946, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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FIESTA, 1.4 Ghia 5dr, ef08jyv, metallic amethyst, abs, adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, child locks, colour coding body, locking wheel nuts, metallic paintwork, purple, 10229 miles, £8695, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

TRANSIT, Low Roof Van TDi 140ps Air Con., 140 ps, panel van, max weight 2800 kg, alloy wheels, cat 1 alarm, factory fitted bulk head, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp+leasing, swb, warranty, 3 seater, limited model air conditioning-please call steve wales, silver, 10 miles, £14999, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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TRANSIT, 280 SWB Low Roof Van TDi 85ps, 85 ps, panel van, max weight 2800 kg, factory fitted bulk head, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp+leasing, swb, warranty, 3 seater, white, 9 miles, £10999, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

TRANSIT CONNECT, g09smc, panel van, cd player, remote locking, finance available, full dealer facilities, pc, swb, white, 50 miles, £7995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

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CIVIC, 2.2 i-CTDi Sport 5dr, oe56ewl, adjustable seats, alloy wheels, climate control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, front armrest, head restraints, headlight washers, folding rear seats, immobiliser, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests, traction control, insurance group:10, silver, 31000 miles, £10995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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GETZ, 1.1 GSi 3dr, g05csw, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, insurance group:3, red, 40000 miles, £3295, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

KIA

PICANTO, 1.1 LS 5dr, gj57cdu, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, central locking, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cd, rear headrests, insurance group:3, red, 19232 miles, £4295, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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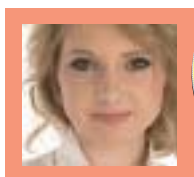
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MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area

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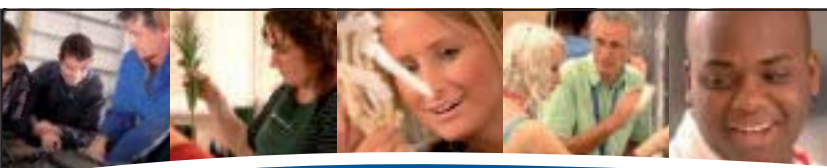


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CRICKET

BY TOM HOWARD

Kent League Division One

Whitstable 1st XI v Ashford Town 1st XI

SAM Denly produced arguably his best performance of the season to help Whitstable inflict a 151-run defeat on Ashford Town.

The home side elected to bat after winning the toss and soon got down to work, building an impressive score for Ashford to chase.

Openers Max Campbell (60) and Nadir Rasheed (39) made a healthy start, before falling to the bowling of Liam Tegg and Ashford captain Craig Buckham.

However, Denly's appearance at the crease ultimately ended the game for Ashford, as he hit 88 from 81 balls, which included six sixes.

Byron Gould added a further 51 to the score and Whitstable ended their 50 overs on 273 for 7. Tegg was the pick of the Ashford bowlers finishing with figures of 3 for 50.

Ashford struggled to find any rhythm at the crease and were unable to follow Whitstable's display with the bat.

Alex Watson top scored with 40 and Matthew Lincoln added 34 to the score, but Duncan Hardy caused the Ashford batsmen numerous problems with the ball. The tail were swept aside by Hardy and Josh Gould, who took two wickets.

Hardy went on to claim five wickets and helped bowl Ashford out for 122 after just 30 overs. Ashford return to action on Saturday when they host The Mote.

Ashford struggle with the bat in heavy defeat



OUT: Whitstable's bowlers caused Ashford's batsmen all sorts of problems as they fell to a heavy 151-run defeat

SCOREBOARD

Whitstable

	Runs
Max Campbell lbw b Tegg	60
Nadir Rasheed st Hope b Buckham	39
Sam Denly not out	88
Byron Gould ct Maurice b Tegg	51
Andy Bennett b Tegg	3
James Loader ct Sutton b Maurice	0
Tom Richardson ct Watson b Maurice	0
James Mills ct Fattore b Maurice	6
Josh Gould not out	0
Jason Logan did not bat	
Duncan Hardy did not bat	
Extras (12b 5lb 9w)	26
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs)	273

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
Andrew Maurice	11	0	68	3
Alex Watson	10	2	58	0
James Rand	5	0	30	0
Simon Taylor	3	0	16	0
Liam Tegg	12	2	50	3
Craig Buckham	9	2	34	1

Ashford Town

	Runs
Gary Sutton lbw b Logan	3
Alex Watson st Denly b Hardy	40
James Watson ct Rasheed b Logan	0
Shannon Fattore b Mills	1
Matthew Lincoln ct Campbell b Hardy	34
Simon Taylor ct Denly b Hardy	4
Liam Tegg lbw b Gould	17
Craig Buckham ct Loader b Hardy	1
Andrew Maurice b Gould	7
Gavin Hope ct Mills b Hardy	8
James Rand not out	0
Extras (6w 1nb)	7
Total (all out, 30.2 overs)	122

Bowlers

	O	M	R	W
James Mills	6	1	28	1
Jason Logan	6	1	30	2
Josh Gould	9.2	1	41	2
Duncan Hardy	9	3	23	5

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Tenterden 1st XI v Orpington 1st XI

TENTERDEN'S batsmen had no answer to Orpington's bowling attack as they fell to a 69-run defeat.

Paul Sheddon gave Orpington's victory hopes a boost as hit 129, before his was ousted by Nick Hall. The damage had been done, with Orpington adding just 63 to their total as they were bowled out for 192.

Tenterden knew they had a chance to take all the points from the encounter, but hadn't allowed for a dazzling performance with the ball from Stephen Ingram and Neil Bradford.

The pair took all ten wickets in bowling Tenterden out for a meagre 123, with Timir Chanda top scoring with 51.

Orpington

	Runs
Paul Sheddon	129
Prince Sterling	0
Christopher Watts	13
Paul Schmidt	5
David Robinson	15
Dylan Robertson	2
Alex Watts	3
Sam Clarkson	10
Neil Bradford	1
Stephen Ingram	4
Richard Hall	1
Extras	9
Total	192

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Nick Hall	9.4	1	42	3
Timir Chanda	12	0	45	2
Simon Bessant	8	2	29	1
Tim Curteis	15	1	48	2
Tevis Knight (Jnr)	4	0	24	0

Tenterden

	Runs
Daniel McDonald	21
Andrew Crawford	1
Nick Daynes	3
Tevis Knight (Jnr)	4
Timir Chanda	51
Robert Featherstone	5
Paul Brann	9
Tim Curteis	10
Mark Brann	0
Nick Hall	0
Simon Bessant	13
Extras	8
Total	123

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Stephen Ingram	15	2	52	6
Neil Bradford	9.2	2	31	4
Sam Clarkson	4	1	17	0
Christopher Watts	4	0	17	0
Paul Schmidt	3	1	3	0

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Wye 1st XI v Yalding 1st XI

YALDING's impressive six-man bowling attack proved pivotal in a narrow 27-run victory at Wye.

The visitors' tail rescued a slow starting innings with the bat, as Anthony Shephard (53) and Jumshad Haider (58) saw Yalding trickle to 205 for 8 after 46 overs.

Wye made a promising start as they attempted to chase down Yalding, but once the bowlers hit full flow, Wye hit trouble. Graham Makey and Andrew Robinson took seven wickets between them, as Wye were bowled out for just 178 with eight overs remaining.

Yalding

	Runs
Shumshair Haider	14
James Dugmore	4
Graham Hutchins	0
Scott Walker	14
Alistair Ratcliff	6
James Fenn	21
Anthony Shephard	53
Jumshad Haider	58
Lee Frimston	5
Andrew Robinson	3
Graham Makey	27
Extras	205
Total	205

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Edward Hoyle	12	2	39	2
Wayne Edlin	12	4	38	3
Keith Secrett	6	1	31	0
Stuart Wise	6	0	37	1
Matt Barlow	2	0	17	0
Raj Mahadevaiah	3	0	17	0
Nick Brooke	5	1	12	2

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	Runs
David Parry	20
Nick Brooke	17
Giles Starley	12
Raj Mahadevaiah	16
Stuart Wise	43
Nick Eve	0
Adam Dodd	6
Wayne Edlin	23
Edward Hoyle	2
Matt Barlow	8
Keith Secrett	3
Extras	28
Total	178

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Jumshad Haider	7.3	2	39	1
James Fenn	5	1	18	0
Andrew Robinson	9	0	39	4
Graham Makey	11	2	32	3
Anthony Shephard	2	0	8	0
James Dugmore	4	0	23	2

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR

Sidcup 1st XI v Ashford Town 3rd XI

NORMAN Puckerin produced a man-of-the-match winning performance as Ashford were thrashed by nine-wickets.

Ashford could only muster a total of 78 runs before being bowled out by Sidcup. Puckerin was the star performer with the ball, as he claimed excellent figures of 3 for 8. Only three Ashford batsmen reached double figures in a frankly dismal display.

Sidcup breezed past Ashford's score with Seetharam Krishnamurthy (39) and Phil Robinson (38) hitting the winning runs.

Ashford Town

	Runs
Jason Boulter	5
Joseph Jolley	6
David Coulson	4
Matthew Eccles	0
Peter Shields	14
Darren Cooper	16
Luca Sardo	18
Meer Noor	0
Mark Gill	0
Simon Woodhams	1
Extras	14
Total	78

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Tim Dawes	10	2	30	4
Scott Noble	7	1	22	1
Norman Puckerin	4	0	8	3
Michael Bennett	2	1	2	0
Faisal Zaman	0.4	0	6	1

Sidcup

	Runs
Seetharam Krishnamurthy	39
Mat Kilbey	0
Phil Robinson	38
Norman Puckerin	0
Scott Noble	0
Tim Dawes	0
Daniel Corbett	0
Brian Smith	0
Michael Bennett	0
Tim Cook	0
Faisal Zaman	0
Extras	3
Total	80

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
Darren Cooper	7	1	23	1
Luca Sardo	3	0	19	0
Peter Shields	4	0	24	0
Joseph Jolley	1	0	9	0
Matthew Eccles	0.2	0	5	0

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Hartley Country Club 2nd XI v Tenterden 2nd XI

AN unbeaten 136 from Hartley's Tom Carter was only good enough to secure a winning draw against Tenterden 2nd XI.

Carter scored the majority of Hartley's runs, before they declared with the score 280 for 3 after 49 overs.

Tenterden batted well in reply and refused to give up their wickets cheaply. Richard Williams top scored with 81 on a pitch that favoured the batsmen.

Hartley were unable to take the remaining six wickets needed for victory, meaning the game resulted in a draw.

Hartley Country Club

	Runs
Tom Carter	136
Peter Tucker	45
Lewis Hickford	41
Justin Crouch	18
Nevill Hope	17
Ian Hayes	0
Jake Hutson	0
Peter Jordan	0
Steve Barnett	0
Matthew Springett	0
James Nash	23
Extras	0
Total	280

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Curteis	12	0	77	2
Stuart Saunders	8	1	30	0
Mark Baker	13	3	52	0
Richard Pearman	15	0	94	1
Richard Williams	1	0	14	0

Tenterden

	Runs
Richard Williams	81
Matthew Solomon	21
Chris Hobbs	64
Matt Barton	63
Tim Russell	29
Oscar Barnes	3
James Curteis	0
Stuart Saunders	0
Richard Pearman	0
Mark Baker	0
Fergus Elias	0
Extras	12
Total	273

Bowlers	O	M	R	W
James Nash	7	1	37	0
Matthew Springett	12	2	54	1
Ian Hayes	3	0	20	0
Peter Jordan	6	1	29	1
Steve Barnett	10	2	62	2
Tom Carter	13	0	68	0

Can Reeves cut it on Isle of Man return?

Picture: WALLY WALTERS



READY TO GO Tim Reeves is eager to chase down TT glory in the Isle of Man today

TIM Reeves will go in search of Isle of Man TT glory as he prepares for the final race on the notorious 37.7-mile road course today (Wednesday).

The Tenterden-born rider has had a mixed practice week ahead of the TT opening race.

A number of mechanical problems halted Reeves' progress in the early practice session, which limited the three-time sidecar world champion to a handful of laps.

Reeves and passenger Patrick Farrance were forced to repair their bike with lawnmower parts bought from a Honda lawnmower dealer on the island.

After recording the fourth

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fastest time during a practice session last Wednesday, Reeves knows he has the pace to eclipse last year's third place finish.

He said: "We're feeling good so, hopefully, that's the end of the problems and we can get some good laps in during the remaining sessions so we're 100 per cent ready."

Reeves and Farrance were due to take part in their first race on Saturday, but wet weather saw all races on island abandoned.

• Log on to www.yourashford.co.uk for a full report on Reeves' first TT race on Monday.

GOLF



DISAPPOINTMENT: Benn Barham missed out on a top-20 finish at Celtic Manor Wales Open

Barham slumps after solid start at Welsh Open

A DIFFICULT third round extinguished Benn Barham's hopes of a top-20 finish at the Celtic Manor Wales Open.

The Ashford golfer went into the event at the 2010 Ryder Cup course confident, after recording one his best-ever European Tour finishes, a tied fourth place, at the tournament last year.

Barham started well and ended day one firmly in the top-20, after carding a two-under-par opening round of 69.

A second round of one-over kept Barham in the hunt and ensured he would make the cut to compete in the final two rounds.

However, a troublesome third round saw the Chart Hills golfer slump down the leaderboard. Two double bogeys saw Barham end the round with a seven-over-par 78.

On the final day Barham repaired some of the damage by shooting a level par 71 to fire him to tied 53rd position.

Denmark's Jeppe Huldahl was the surprise winner at Celtic Manor after clinching his first top ten finish on the European PGA Tour in 45 attempts over six years.

The 26-year-old, ranked a lowly 377th in the world, beat Ryder Cup Swede Niclas Fasth by one shot.

'Groundshare deal is crucial for the future'

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

ASHFORD Town chairman Don Crosbie believes the three-year groundshare deal with Ryman Premier League side Maidstone United is crucial for the future of both clubs.

The groundshare deal was announced last week after the Ryman League sanctioned the proposal made by Maidstone United. The Stones had previously been playing their home fixtures at Sittingbourne's Bourne Park.

Town chairman Don Crosbie is pleased to have agreed a deal with Stones chairman Paul Bowden-Brown and believes a promising future beckons.

He told the club website: "We are delighted to have reached an agreement with Maidstone United to groundshare at Homelands.

"The deal is clearly important to us in terms of additional revenue but it is equally important that the two clubs do everything possible over the coming months to investigate every initiative that could be mutually beneficial to both clubs."



PROMISING FUTURE: Ashford Town are set to receive added revenue after chairman Don Crosbie agreed a three-year groundshare deal with Maidstone United at Homelands



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

The deal will mean Ashford and Maidstone will play their home games on alternate Saturdays. Maidstone will play their midweek games on Tuesdays with Ashford playing on Wednesdays.

A possible shuttle bus scheme transporting fans from Ashford town centre to the Homelands is being investigated.

According to a club spokesman, the uncertainty surrounding Town's future is soon to be resolved and Ashford should start the 2009/10 Ryman Division One South season, which begins in August.

Ashford will play a pre-season friendly

against Maidstone United at Homelands on July 21. The Nuts and Bolts have called off a pre-season friendly with Hythe Town at Reachfields on August 1.

With Maidstone United playing at Homelands on alternate Saturdays, Ashford's reserve side have been forced to be relocated to play their Kent League games.

On Thursday Ashford Town boss Steve Lovell is expected to make a statement regarding his and the playing side's futures.

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